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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date January 29, 2004

In re the Application of

Valerie CHEYNET-SAUVION et al.

Group Art Unit: 1634

Application No.: 09/402,131

Examiner: B. Sisson

Filed: December 8, 1999

Docket No.: 104458

For: METHOD OF AMPLIFYING AN RNA TARGET SEQUENCE USING AN RNA POLYMERASE
FUNCTIONING PREFERABLY ON RNA TEMPLATE
(AS AMENDED)

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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